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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A card verification system comprising:
a card in which a card identification code is registered;
a read unit configured to read said card identification code from said card; and
a verification apparatus configured to verify said card only when a place in which said read unit is located, corresponds ~~is within an area corresponding~~ to said card identification code.

2. (Previously Presented): The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said read unit has a read unit identification code, and notifies said read unit identification code to said verification apparatus, and

said verification apparatus has a table which shows a correspondence relation between said read unit identification code and said place, and searches and acquires said place corresponding to said notified read unit identification code from said table.

3. (Previously Presented): The card verification system according to claim 2, further comprising a mobile phone,

said verification apparatus having another table which shows a correspondence relation between said card identification code and said mobile phone, and

said area being coincident with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.

4. (Previously Presented): The card verification system according to claim 3, further comprising a storage unit which stores data showing said area corresponding to said mobile phone, and

said verification apparatus acquiring said area data from said storage unit.

5. (Original): The card verification system according to claim 4, wherein a user of said mobile phone deletes said area data from said storage unit by operating said mobile phone, and

said verification apparatus does not verify said card when said area data is not stored in said storage unit.

6. (Original): The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said card is a credit card.

7. (Currently Amended): A card verification method using a card verification system which comprises a card in which a card identification code is registered, a read unit which reads said card identification code from said card, and a verification apparatus which verifies said card only when a place in which said read unit is located corresponds to said card identification code, said method comprising:

acquiring from said read unit the place of said read unit which read said card;

acquiring an identification code ~~area~~ of said card;

determining whether or not said place of said read unit corresponds to said identification code is in said area;

when said place of said read unit does not correspond to said identification code belong to said area, prohibiting settlement.

8. (Previously Presented): The card verification method according to claim 7, further comprising:

deleting said area; and

when a second area of the card is not a recognized area, prohibiting the settlement.

9. (Previously Presented): A card verification method comprising:

registering an identification code area comprising an area where a card is located and an identification code of the card;

transmitting over a telecommunication network the identification code area to a verification module, upon request by the verification module;

reading the card identification code from a card by a read unit; and

verifying the card only when a location of the read unit corresponds to the identification code area.

10. (Previously Presented): A method of claim 9, wherein the identification code area is coincident with an area for one or more cells belonging to a mobile telephone, and

wherein a verification apparatus accesses a table that shows a correspondence relation between the card identification code and the mobile telephone.

11. (Currently Amended): A card verification system, comprising:

a position registering module configured to register a geographical ~~area~~place and an identification code of a card;

a verification module configured to receive over a telecommunication network the ~~area~~place and the identification code of the card from said position registering module, and further configured to verify the card read by a card reader requesting card verification only if a location of the card reader corresponds to the identification code ~~area~~ of the card.

12. (Previously Presented): The card verification system according to claim 11, further comprising a mobile phone, and a table showing a correspondence between the identification code of the card and said mobile phone, wherein the area of the card is coincident with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.

13. (Previously Presented): The card verification system according to claim 11, wherein the card is a credit card.